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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kenji MORI

Group Art Unit: 2625

Application No.: 10/807,441

Examiner: N. TYLER

Filed: March 24, 2004

Docket No.: 119058

For: IMAGE PROCESSOR, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND RECORDING
MEDIUM ON WHICH IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM IS RECORDED

APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to the June 5, 2008 personal interview and the May 22, 2008 Amendment, Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is provided in the following remarks. Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives by Examiners Tyler and Poon at the personal interview conducted on June 5, 2008.

During the personal interview, Applicant's representatives traversed the rejection of independent claims 1, 9, and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over JP-A-10-208034 to Kuwata et al. (hereinafter "Kuwata").

The points discussed during the interview are parallel to the arguments presented in the May 22, 2008 Amendment. As agreed to during the June 5 personal interview, Kuwata does not disclose a coefficient holding device that holds correction coefficients of a correction curve that corresponds to the entire gray scale range or a portion of the gray scale range and include one or more correction points and a combination portion that is formed of a combination of plurality of specific curved pattern portions, and that holds only the correction

coefficients corresponding to one of the specific pattern portions in the combination portion and each of the specific curve pattern portions including a plurality of points that show a pattern of the specific curve pattern portion, as recited in independent claims 1, and as similarly recited in independent claims 9 and 14-17.

For example, the reference points yq1 and yq3 of Kuwata (the alleged specific curve pattern portions) do not include a plurality of points that show a pattern of the individual points yq1 and yq3, because the individual reference points yq1 and yq3, are themselves single points of the curve shown in Fig. 25. Thus, Kuwata does not disclose a plurality of points that show a pattern of the reference points yq1 and yq3. That is, the individual reference points yq1 and yq3 do not show a pattern.

Thus, as agreed during the personal interview, claims 1, 9 and 14-17 are patentable over Kuwata. The applied references, as asserted in the March 5, 2008 Office Action, do not remedy Kuwata's deficiencies. Claims 3-8 and 13, which variously depend from the independent claims, are also patentable over the applied references. Withdrawal of the rejections is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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